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NATO: OTTAWA HAS TURNED DOWN SACEUR'S LATEST
BID TO MINIMIZE CANADA'S PLANNED FORCE REDUCTIONS IN
EUROPE. [REDACTED]

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IN AUGUST THE CANADIANS HAD AGREED TO RETAIN
5,000 OF THEIR PRESENT 10,000-MAN FORCE IN GERMANY,
INSTEAD OF 3,500 AS EARLIER PLANNED. THEY ALSO RE-
TRACTED A PROVISION WHICH WOULD HAVE TAKEN CANADIAN
AIRCRAFT OUT OF NATO'S NUCLEAR STRIKE FORCE. SACEUR
THEN URGED FURTHER CANADIAN CONCESSIONS. OTTAWA RE-
MAINS PREPARED TO STAND BY ITS AUGUST CONCESSIONS,
BUT APPEARS TO HAVE SHUT THE DOOR ON ANY FURTHER
COMPROMISE.

NOW THAT THE SCOPE OF THE CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL
SEEMS TO BE SETTLED, THE ALLIANCE CAN NO LONGER POST-
PONE CONSIDERATION OF WHAT FORCES ARE TO BE MUSTERED
TO FILL THE GAP IN ITS EUROPEAN DEFENSES. SHAPE SUB-
MITTED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIAL MEASURES TO
THE FIVE OTHER NATIONS WHICH MAINTAIN TROOPS IN GER-
MANY ON 22 AUGUST, BUT MET WITH AN ESSENTIALLY NEGA-
TIVE RESPONSE.

AT A MEETING OF THE FIVE ON 8 SEPTEMBER, HOW-
EVER, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ENTIRE SUBJECT SHOULD
BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE
{DPC}--THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL LESS FRANCE--AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. SECRETARY GENERAL BROGIO INTENDS
TO CALL FOR DPC MEETINGS ON 12 AND 18 SEPTEMBER IN
ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE THE NATO POSITION PRIOR TO A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TROOP CUTS BY PRIME MINIS-
TER TRUDEAU ON 19 SEPTEMBER. [REDACTED]

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